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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL

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1. A SIX MAN PORTUGUESE DELEGATION VISITED THE FISHING INDUSTRY OF NORWAY FROM 28 MAY TO 6 JUNE 1975 UNDER THE FISHING COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORWAY AND PORTUGAL. THE DELEGATION VISITED COOPERATIVES, SALES ORGANIZATIONS, AND CANNING, PROCESSING, FISH MEAL, AND FREEZING PLANTS. IT MET WITH MINISTER OF FISHERIES BOLLE AND, OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS.

2. AMONG THE CONCRETE PROPOSALS AGREED UPON WERE:

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A. TRANSFORMATION AT THE EXPENSE OF THE NORWEGIAN

GOVERNMENT OF THE FISHING VESSEL "MAESTRO COSTEIRO"
INTO A RESEARCH VESSEL.

B. NORWEGIAN EXPERT ASSISTANCE TO ORGANIZE AND EQUIP
FREEZING AND REFRIGERATING INSTALLATIONS TO SUPPORT
PORTUGUESE FISHERIES IN THE AZORES, MADERIA, AND
CONTINENTAL PORTUGAL.

C. ASSISTANCE IN ORGANIZING THE NEW PORTUGUESE INSTITUTE
OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND AQUATIC POLLUTION.

D. ASSISTANCE TO EVALUATE STOCKS OF FISH IN PORTUGUESE
WATERS, ESPECIALLY THE AZORES.

3. THE KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED DURING VARIOUS VISITS AND MEETINGS
HAS HELPED WITH THE REORGANIZATION OF PORTUGUESE FISHERIES,
ESPECIALLY ESTABLISHMENT OF A CO-OPERATIVE SYSTEM FOR
FISHERIES. BOTH THE NORWEGIAN AND PORTUGUESE DELEGATION
EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE MEETINGS. THE PORTUGU-
ESE DELEGATION WAS LED BY ANTONIO GASPAR OF THE FISHING
DIRECTORATE.

4. NORWAY AND SWEDEN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PORTUGUESE
ASSISTANCE BY EFTA. AS REPAYED TO PORTUGAL BY EFTA
SECRETARY GENERAL BENKT RABEUS DURING HIS MAY 12TH AND 13TH
TALKS WITH VARIOUS OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT,
PRIME MINISTER, AND FOREIGN MINISTER. AT THE MAY 21ST AND
22ND MEFTA MEETING IN GENEVA NORWAY AND SWEDEN PARTICULARLY
ENCOURAGED THE CREATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
FUND WITH EFTA. THE FUND WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE
NORDIC FUND FOR ICELAND. ALTHOUGH THE IDEA HAS GAINED
GENERAL ACCEPTANCE, CERTAIN NATIONS (I.E., SWITZERLAND)
HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO TAKE STEPS THAT THEY CONSIDER
OUTSIDE THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE EFTA CONVENTION.

5. THE MIXED ECONOMIC COMMISSION WILL PROBABLY MEET
AGAIN AROUND JULY 7TH IN LISBON. THE DELEGATION WILL
PROBABLY BE COMPOSED OF FINANCE MINISTER KLEPPS AND
BUE BRUN AND TOROLF RAA FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PLUS
FORESTRY AND FISHERIES REPRESENTATIVES.
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6. ADDITIONALLY, NORWAY IS CONSIDERING ASSISTING
EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS LIKE THESE SUPPORTED BY SWEDEN
(I.E., ADULT EDUCATION). KAARE SANDEGREN, INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARY OF THE NORWEGIAN LABOR ORGANIZATION, WILL SOON
GO TO PORTUGAL TO DISCUSS THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL
EXPERTS.
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